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VIA COURIERMr. Joseph Morning, Director
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Research and Special Programs Administration
Department of Transportation
Room 8421
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001Re: Docket Nos. HM-214 and PC-1
Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plans

Dear Mr. Morning:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Cargill, Incorporated, are the original and five copies of Comments reflecting Cargill's support for the recent interim final rules set forth in the above-referenced proceeding.

Cargill requests that its name be included in any official service list that may be created for distribution of copies of decision notices in this matter. All correspondence should be sent to my attention at the following address:

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Yours truly,


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BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PLANS

DOCKET NOS. HM-214 AND PC-1;
AMDT. NOS. 106-9, 107-27, 110-2, 130-1,
171-120, 172-129, 173-233, 174-73,
176-33, 178-98 AND 180-3

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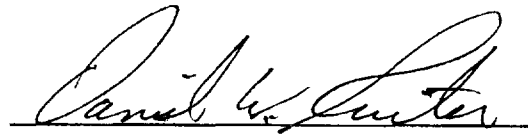
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Date: July 29, 1993

Cargill, Incorporated ("Cargill"), through its Assistant Vice President Transportation, Cargill Grain and Oilseeds Divisions, Daniel W. Ruiter, submits these brief comments in support of the interim final rules on oil spill prevention and response plans, as applied to non-petroleum oils, particularly animal and vegetable oils, set forth in Docket Nos. HM-214 and PC-1; Amdt. Nos. 106-9, 107-27, 110-2, 130-1, 171-120, 172-129, 173-233, 174-73, 176-33, 178-98 AND 180-3 published in the June 16, 1993 Federal Register.

Cargill commends the Research and Special Programs Administration ("RSPA") for positively responding to the concerns expressed by the public and many business entities, including Cargill, regarding the inappropriate "hazardous materials" rules that preceded the recently issued interim final rules. Both the industries involved in the production and marketing of animal and vegetable oils and the customers who purchase and use these products will be better served by the new interim final rules, while meaningful precautions are taken to protect our environment from oil spills. These very practical rules strike a reasonable balance among the various interests affected and provide proper clean up contingency plans as well as efficient, prudent use of public and private resources.

We encourage RSPA to maintain its current position and make no significant changes to the interim final rules. These rules should be given an opportunity to demonstrate their effectiveness. Any future adjustments or additions to the rules should be made only after a careful and thorough evaluation to ensure any additional regulation is fully warranted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel W. Ruiter", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel W. Ruiter